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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 9/1020/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                    |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance              |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

#### **In the Claims:**

1. (Twice Amended) A collapsible chair comprising:

a chair frame comprising:

two spaced leg structures, each comprising a top bar and front and rear side bars depending from the top bar to form a substantially U-shape, the front and rear side bars connected to the top bar,

a front ground member having a U-shaped configuration comprising a bottom section adapted to be positioned on a fixture and first and second side sections extending from opposite ends of the bottom section, wherein the first side section is rotatably fit over a lower end of a first one of the front side bars of the leg structures and the second side section is removably fit over a second one of the front side bars of the leg structures,

a rear ground member having a U-shaped configuration comprising a bottom section adapted to be positioned on a fixture and first and second side

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sections extending from opposite ends of the bottom section, wherein the first side section is rotatably fit over a lower end of a first one of the rear side bars of the leg structures and the second side section is removably fit over a second one of the rear side bars of the leg structures, and

a top ring is pivotably [fixed] affixed to the top bars of the leg structures;  
and

a flexible sheet received in and attached to the top ring.

### Remarks

In claim 1, Applicant attempted to correct a 112/2<sup>nd</sup> problem by amending the claim to read "a top ring is pivotably fixed to the bars of the leg structures". However, "pivotbaly fixed" reads like an oxymoron. How can the top ring be both "pivotal" and "fixed"? The word fixed suggests "securely placed or fastened: STATIONARY" or "IMMOBILE". So a structure cannot be both pivotal and fixed. It appears the Applicant intended to use the word - - affixed - -. The word "fixed" in claim 1 has been replaced with - -affixed - - which suggests "to attach physically" or "to attach in any way: ADD, APPEND".

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney B. White whose telephone number is (703) 308-2276.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Cuomo can be reached on (703) 308-0827. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney B. White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**RODNEY B. WHITE**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**